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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services - Work Release Programs - Required Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain counties to establish and operate work release
4 programs under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Public
5 Safety and Correctional Services to establish a certain work release program;
6 defining a certain term; and generally relating to work release programs.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Correctional Services

9 Section 11-701.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Correctional Services**

15 11-701.1.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "WORK RELEASE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT
17 ENABLES AN INMATE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL
18 FACILITY OR THE BALTIMORE CITY DETENTION CENTER TO:

19 (1) ATTEND A VOCATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION;

20 (2) WORK AT GAINFUL PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT; OR

21 (3) PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER TRAINING OR REHABILITATION
22 PROGRAM.

23 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, EACH COUNTY THAT
24 MAINTAINS ONE OR MORE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES SHALL ESTABLISH
25 AND OPERATE A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM.

1 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A WORK RELEASE
2 PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2004.